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Docket No.: 31014/41515  
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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Patent Application of:

Goulet et al.

10678167

Application No.: 09/990,320

Confirmation No.: 2528

Filed: November 23, 2001

Art Unit: 3738

For: CONNECTIVE TISSUE SUBSTITUTES,  
METHOD OF PREPARATION AND USES  
THEREOF

Examiner: Christopher D. Prone

**RENEWED PETITION TO ACCEPT UNINTENTIONALLY  
DELAYED PRIORITY CLAIM UNDER 35 U.S.C. §119(e)**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
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Dear Sir:

This paper is a renewed petition for acceptance of an unintentionally delayed claim under 35 U.S.C. §119(e) for the priority benefit of a prior-filed provisional patent application. The prior petition was dismissed in a decision mailed March 29, 2006 because the parent application, USSN 09/990,320, to the instant application did not properly claim priority to provisional Application No. 60/252,588. The priority claim in the parent application USSN 09/990,320 has since been corrected as shown in attached corrected filing receipt. The applicants therefore believe that all requirements for correcting the priority claim in the instant application are met and request the renewed petition be granted.

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.78(a)(5) and (a)(6), this petition is accompanied by the reference required by 35 U.S.C. §119(e), and the required statement. The surcharge set forth in §1.17(t) was paid with the first-filed petition.

With regard to §1.78(6)(iii), the Applicants' undersigned representative states that the entire delay between the date the claim was due, March 24, 2002, under paragraph (a)(5)(ii), and this date upon which the claim is filed, was unintentional.

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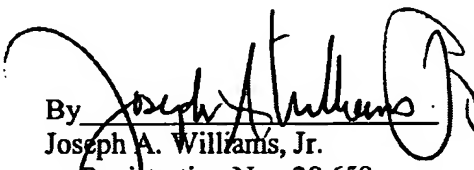
With respect to §1.78(6)(i), the reference is provided herewith in the form of an amendment to the specification. The amendment adds a cross-reference to related prior-filed Provisional Application Serial Number 60/252,588, which was filed on November 24, 2000. Regarding §1.78(6)(ii) a check in the amount of \$1370, as required by §1.17(t), was enclosed with the first-filed petition.

The Applicants respectfully request that this petition be granted and that the priority claim under 35 U.S.C. §119(e) be accepted.

The Director is hereby authorized to charge and deficiency in the fee filed or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 13-2855.

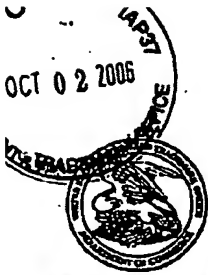
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## Domestic Priority data as claimed by applicant

This appln-claims benefit of 60/252,588 11/24/2000

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The country code and number of your priority application, to be used for filing abroad under the Paris Convention, is **US09/990,320**

**Projected Publication Date:** Not Applicable

**Non-Publication Request:** No

**Early Publication Request:** No

**Title**

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**Preliminary Class**

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